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The fidelity of Taq polymerase catalyzing PCR is improved by an N-terminal deletion.

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KlenTaq DNA polymerase is an N-terminally truncated *Thermus aquaticus* (Taq) DNA polymerase I. As expressed from a gene construct in *Escherichia coli*, translation initiates at Met236, bypassing the 5'----3' exonuclease domain of the DNA polymerase-encoding gene. A sensitive forward mutation assay was used to measure the relative number of mutations introduced into the entire lacZ gene by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) under various conditions which allow the amplification of such a large DNA span. Two selectable markers, one at each end of the test lacZ fragment, were employed to avoid the plating and scoring of PCR artefacts such as primer initiation in the midst of the lacZ gene, and cloning artefacts such as empty vector plasmid. The measured relative mutation rate was twofold lower for KlenTaq as compared to the full-length Taq DNA polymerase.

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Mutation S543N in the thumb subdomain of the Taq DNA polymerase large fragment suppresses pausing associated with the template structure.

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Substitution of Asn for the conserved Ser543 in the thumb subdomain of the Taq DNA polymerase large fragment (Klentaq DNA polymerase) prevents pausing during DNA synthesis and allows the enzyme to circumvent template regions with a complex structure. The mutant enzyme (KlentaqN DNA polymerase) provides specific PCR amplification and sequencing of difficult templates, e.g. those with a high GC% content or strong secondary structure.

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Functional roles of the conserved aromatic amino acid residues at position 108 (motif IV) and position 196 (motif VIII) in base flipping and catalysis by the N6-adenine DNA methyltransferase from *Thermus aquaticus*.

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Substitution of Asn for Ser543 in the large fragment of Taq DNA polymerase increases the efficiency of synthesis of long DNA molecules.

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Substitution of Asn for Ser543 in the large fragment of Taq DNA polymerase (Klentaq) increases several times the efficiency of synthesis of long (over 2 kbp) DNA molecules. The difference in the DNA synthesis efficiencies by the mutant and native enzymes increased with the increase in the DNA fragment length.

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TITLE: Structure-based design of Taq DNA polymerases with improved properties of dideoxynucleotide incorporation.
AUTHOR: Li Y; Mitaxov V; Waksman G
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Washington University School of Medicine, 660 South Euclid Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130, USA.
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AB The Taq DNA polymerase is the most commonly used enzyme in DNA sequencing.

However, all versions of **Taq polymerase** are deficient in two respects: (i) these enzymes incorporate each of the four dideoxynucleoside 5' triphosphates (ddNTPs) at widely different rates during sequencing (ddGTP, for example, is incorporated 10 times faster than the other three ddNTPs), and (ii) these enzymes show uneven band-intensity or peak-height patterns in radio-labeled or dye-labeled

DNA sequence profiles, respectively. We have determined the crystal structures of all four ddNTP-trapped closed ternary complexes of the large fragment of the Taq DNA polymerase (Klentaql). The ddGTP-trapped complex structure differs from the other three ternary complex structures by a large shift in the position of the side chain of residue 660 in the O helix, resulting in additional hydrogen bonds being formed between the guanidinium group of this residue and the base of ddGTP. When Arg-660 is mutated to Asp, Ser, **Phe**, **Tyr**, or Leu, the enzyme has a marked and selective reduction in ddGTP incorporation rate. As a result, the G track generated during DNA sequencing by these **Taq polymerase variants** does not terminate prematurely, and higher molecular-mass G bands are detected. Another property of these **Taq polymerase variants** is that the sequencing patterns produced by these enzymes are remarkably even in band-intensity and peak-height distribution, thus resulting in a significant improvement in the accuracy of DNA sequencing.

L6 ANSWER 2 OF 3 MEDLINE
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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 129:327733
TITLE: Mutagenesis of Pol-II type DNA polymerases
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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Amersham Life Science Inc., USA
SOURCE: U.S., 23 pp.
CODEN: USXXAM
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AB A Pol-II type DNA polymerase wherein an alanine located at the nucleotide binding site is replaced with a hydroxy contg. amino acid in order to

prep. polymerases with decreased exonuclease activity. The polymerases may be derived from *Pyrococcus furiosus*, *Thermococcus litoralis*, or *Sulfolobus solfataricus*. Thus, **mutant** forms of *P. furiosus* DNA polymerase were constructed with Ala-491 replaced by **Tyr**, Asn-492 replaced with **Tyr**, a **Tyr** residue inserted between Ala-491 and Asn-492, and amino acids 489-494 (LLANSF) replaced with 7 corresponding amino acids (TINYGVL) from **Taq polymerase** including an F.fwdarw.Y substitution. All the **mutants** had significantly reduced specific activities (>100-fold of wild type).